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alopecia, always rather prevalent in Japan, and neither contagious nor particularly severe, have been magnified by newspaper sensationalism into something new and alarming. I shall, however, continue to investigate the subject, as, if the daily reports are true, it is highly advisable to do so.

Respectfully,  
 The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

STUART ELDRIDGE,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

NORWAY.

*Quarantine against Cape Town, Réunion, and other places on account of plague.*

CHRISTIANIA, March 7, 1901.

SIR: Inclosed I have the honor to send duplicate copies of a quarantine proclamation issued by the Royal Norwegian Government's justice and police department on February 28, 1901.

I also send translation.

Respectfully,  
 Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

HENRY BORDEWICH,  
*Consul-General.*

[Inclosure.—March 6, 1901.—Translation.]

*Proclamation from the Royal Norwegian Government's department of justice and police.*

CHRISTIANIA, February 28, 1901.

A royal proclamation was made to-day, as follows:

It is hereby proclaimed that in compliance with paragraph 2 in law of July 12, 1848, relating to quarantine, that the city of Cape Town, in South Africa, and the Réunion Island shall, until further notice is given, be considered infected with the oriental plague, and the quarantine regulations laid down in said law and in circular of October 13, 1900, as regard plague, etc., are to take effect at once.

With which all concerned respectfully have to comply. Which is hereby brought to public notice, while it must be remembered that according to prior proclamations of February 1, 1897, June 27 and August 22, 1899, and March 10, April 18, May 23, July 17, and November 29, 1900, and January 17, 1901, the city of Smyrna, in Asia, and places located along the bay of the same name, Arabia, Persia, India, China, Manila, Formosa, the city of Osaka and Kobe, in Japan, the ports in Egypt, Mauritius, the city of Rio de Janeiro, in Brazil, the Sandwich Islands, and the city of Melbourne, in Australia, shall, until further notice, be considered infected with the oriental plague.

A number of copies of this proclamation are inclosed.

A. QVAM,  
 GEORG JOHANNESSEN.

PORTO RICO.

*Report from Ponce.*

PONCE, P. R., March 18, 1901.

SIR: Through chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended March 16, 1901. Four vessels were inspected and passed and 5 bills were issued. The German steamship *Senior*, from Nuevitas, held in quarantine to complete five days. She brought no cargo nor passengers for Ponce, and took cargo of cattle for Santiago de Cuba.